

★突然の電話からの……超ど直球！！

LIKE
SORA?

SAKURAI-
CHAN,
DO YOU,
LIKE...

WHERE
IS THIS
COMING
FROM...!?

WHA-!?

NO,
NOT
THAT...

WELL...
THAT TOO,
BUT...!

WE
JUST
SWAPPED
NUMBERS
TODAY AND
I'M ALREADY
CALLIN'
YA...

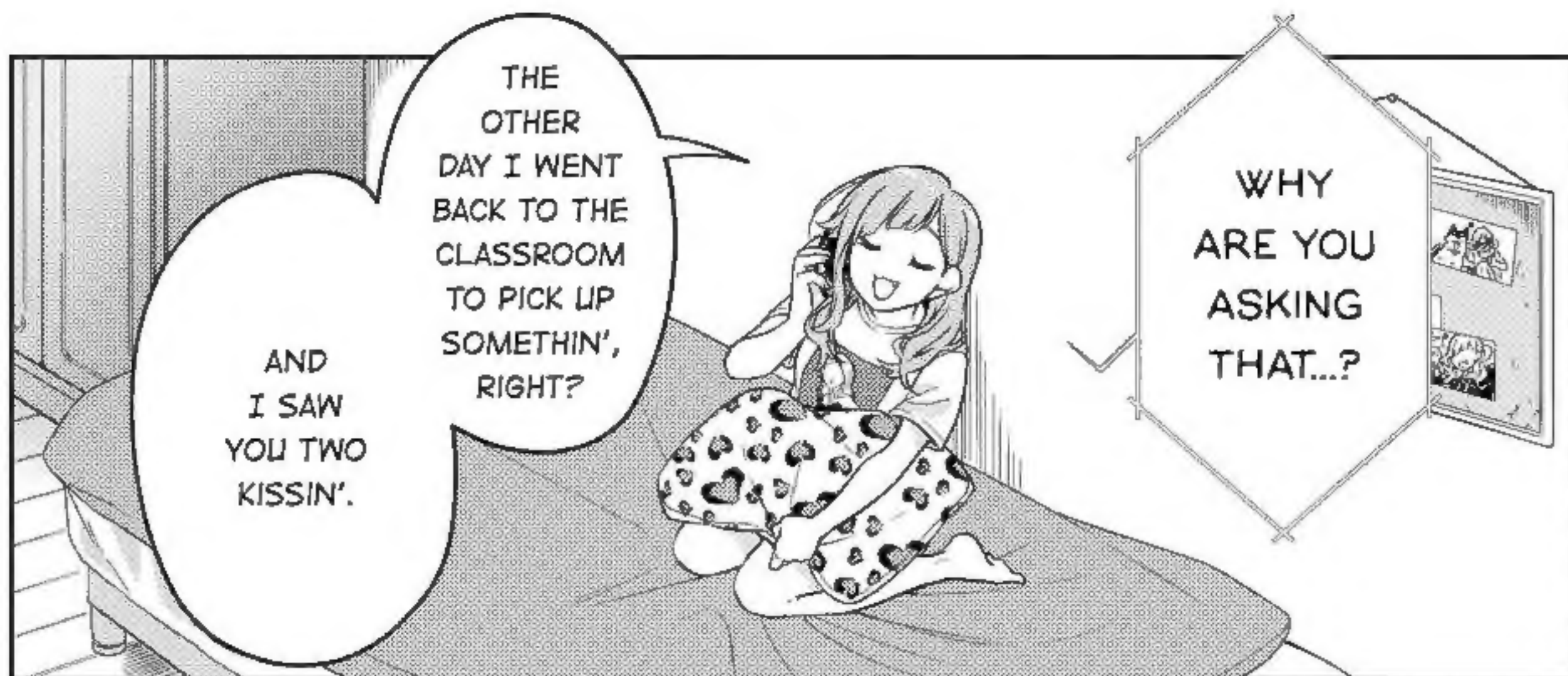
AH,
SORRY.

ガールに
逆らえな

Can't defy
the Lonely Girl.

Chapter 9

榎風
Kashikaze



THE OTHER DAY I WENT BACK TO THE CLASSROOM TO PICK UP SOMETHIN', RIGHT?

AND I SAW YOU TWO KISSIN'.

WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT...?



DON'T WORRY, I AIN'T GONNA TELL ANYONE!

S-S-...
S-S-...!?

CLATTER

CLATTER

OW!~

SHE HAS SUCH FUNNY REACTIONS.



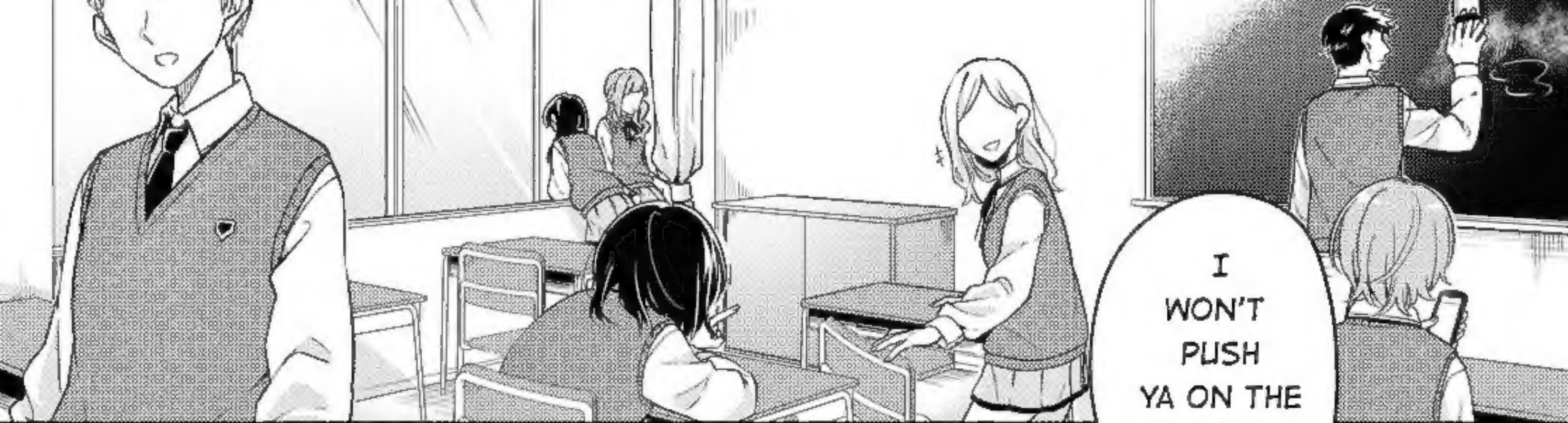
DO I... **LIKE** HER...?

URG...



YOU S-





I
WON'T
PUSH
YA ON THE
DETAILS,

ABOUT YER
RELATION-
SHIP WITH
SORA RIGHT
NOW!

BUT WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKIN'?

OUR
RELATION-
SHIP...?

HUH?

AND
I KNOW...
THAT I HAVE
TO COMMU-
NICATE...

HOW I'M
FEELING,
BUT...

COME ON,
ANY WAY
YA LOOK AT IT,
YOU TWO ARE
INTO EACH
OTHER.

FRIENDS?

HMM...
WELL...
I DON'T
KNOW IF
YOU COULD
CALL US
FRIENDS...









YEAH,
SORRY!

ALTHOUGH...
YOU DID THROW
ME FOR A LOOP
YESTERDAY!



NAH...



AM I
BEIN' TOO
NOSY?



STARE...



ALRIGHT,
EVERYONE.
TAKE YOUR
SEATS!

WIDE



...THIS IS IT.



WE HAVE MUCH TO DECIDE, SO LET'S GO!

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH,



CATCHY...

Wooo!

I CALL IT "OPERATION GET★HYPE AND CALL HER BEHIND THE STORAGE ROOM!"



DON'T YA THINK YA COULD DO IT IN THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL?

OH, SURE.

COME HELP YOUR TEACHER, CLASS REP. ♡
YANK





BUT IF
TOO MANY
PEOPLE
WANT ONE,
WE'LL DECIDE
WITH ROCK
PAPER
SCISSORS!

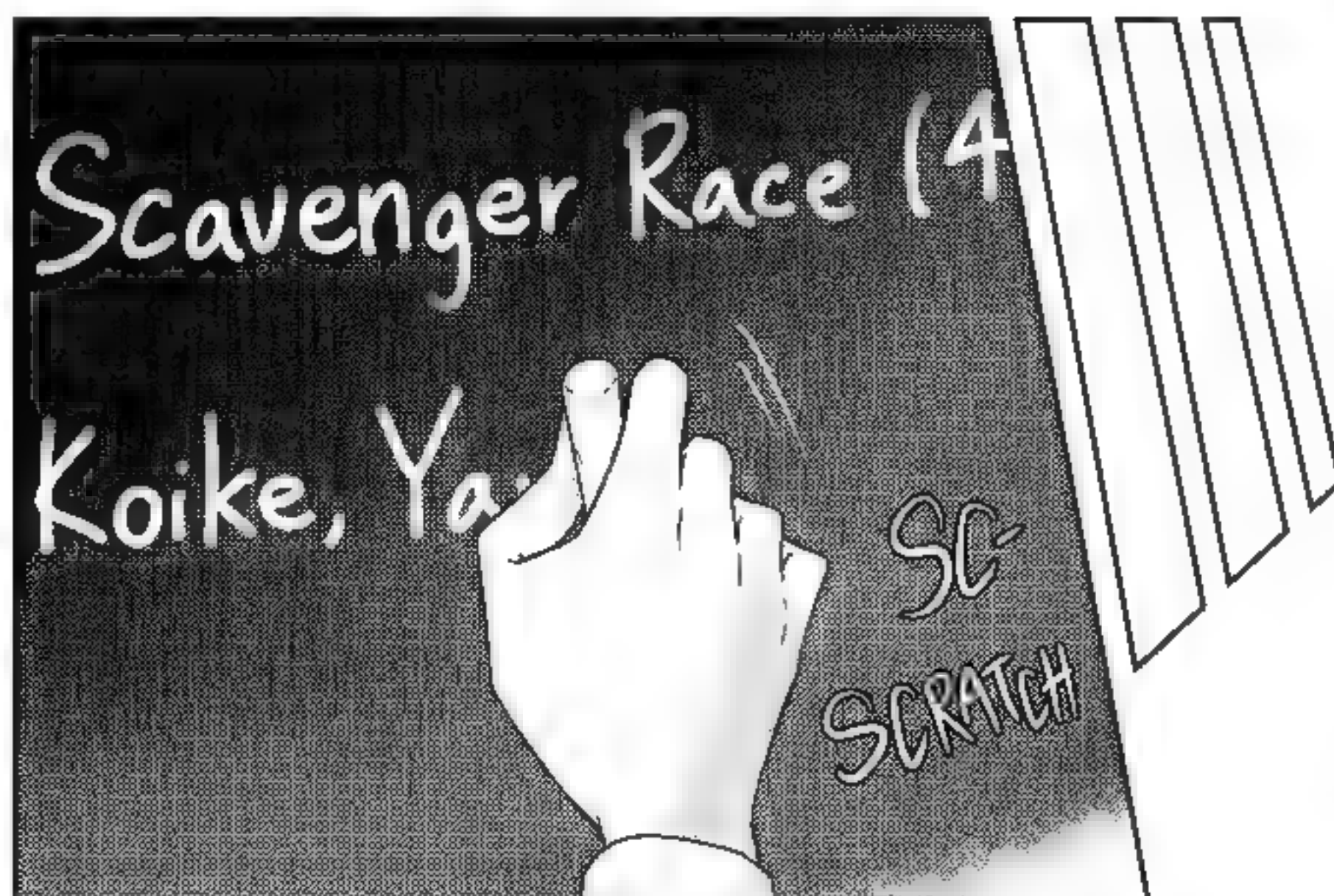
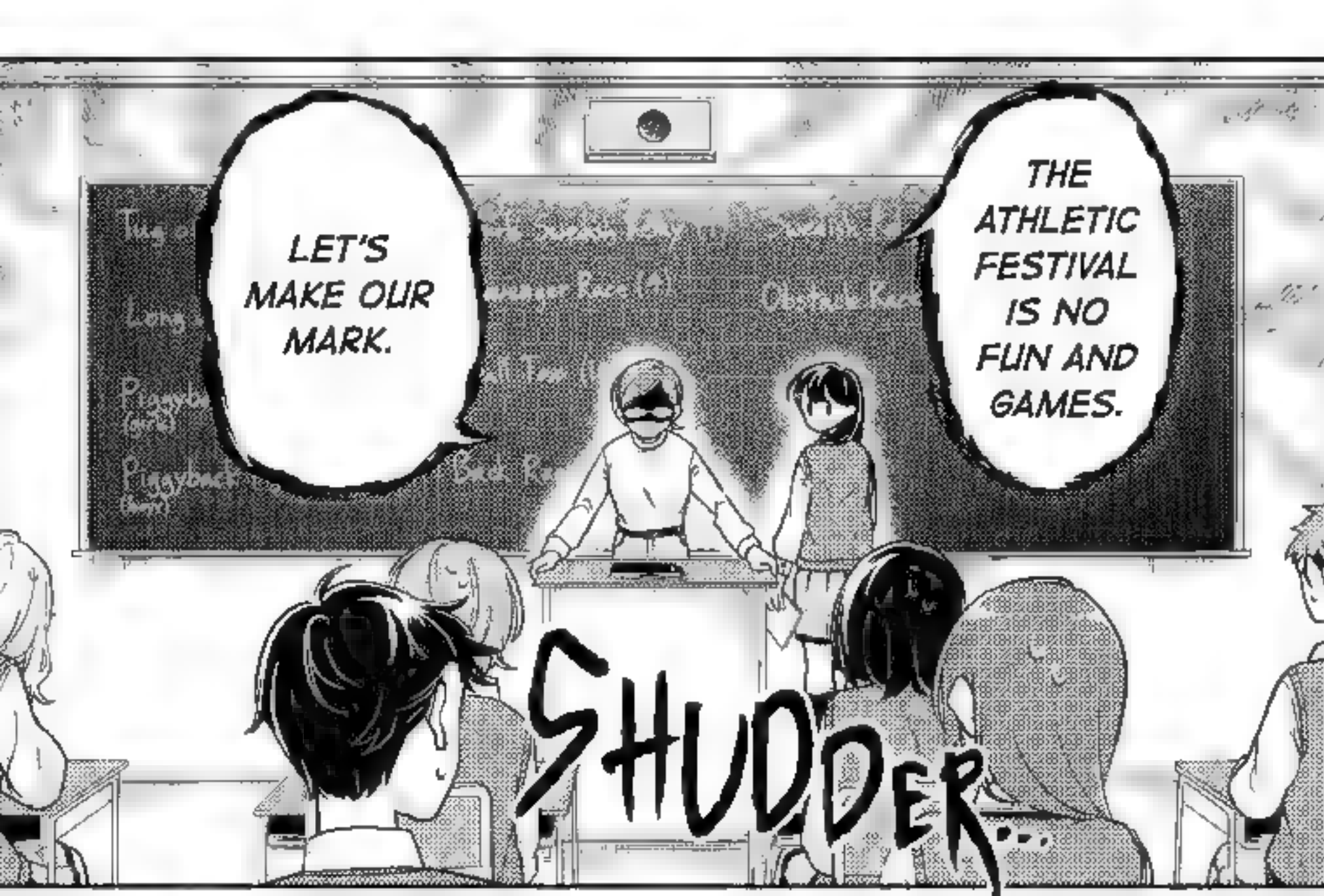
SPOTS
WILL GO
FIRST-
COME-
FIRST-
SERVED!



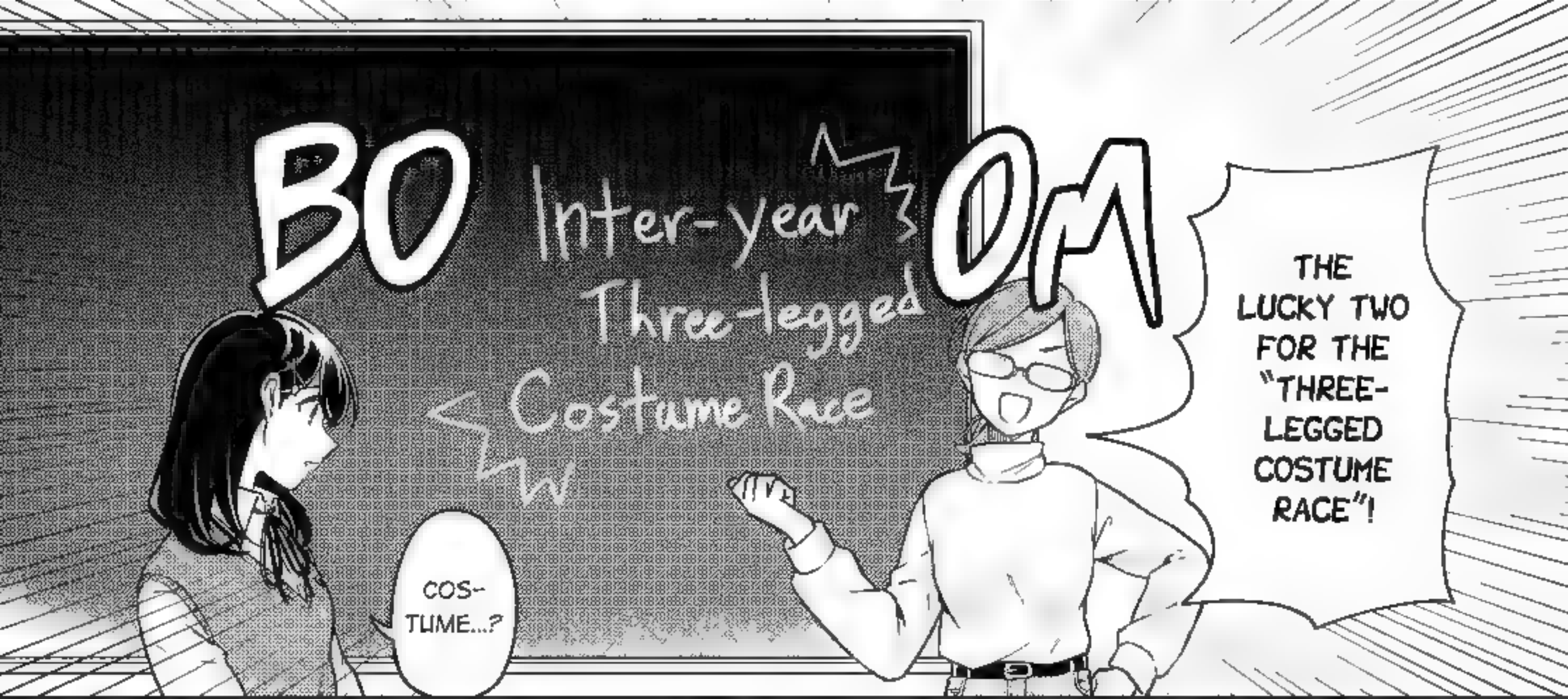
AND EACH
PERSON
MUST
PARTICIPATE
IN TWO
EVENTS
MINIMUM!

THAT'S
ALL!











THEN
IN HER
PLACE...



WHAT!?

IT'LL TAKE
TIME TO
CHANGE FOR
THE THREE-
LEGGED
COSTUME
RACE,
SO YOU'RE
OUT, I
SUPPOSE.



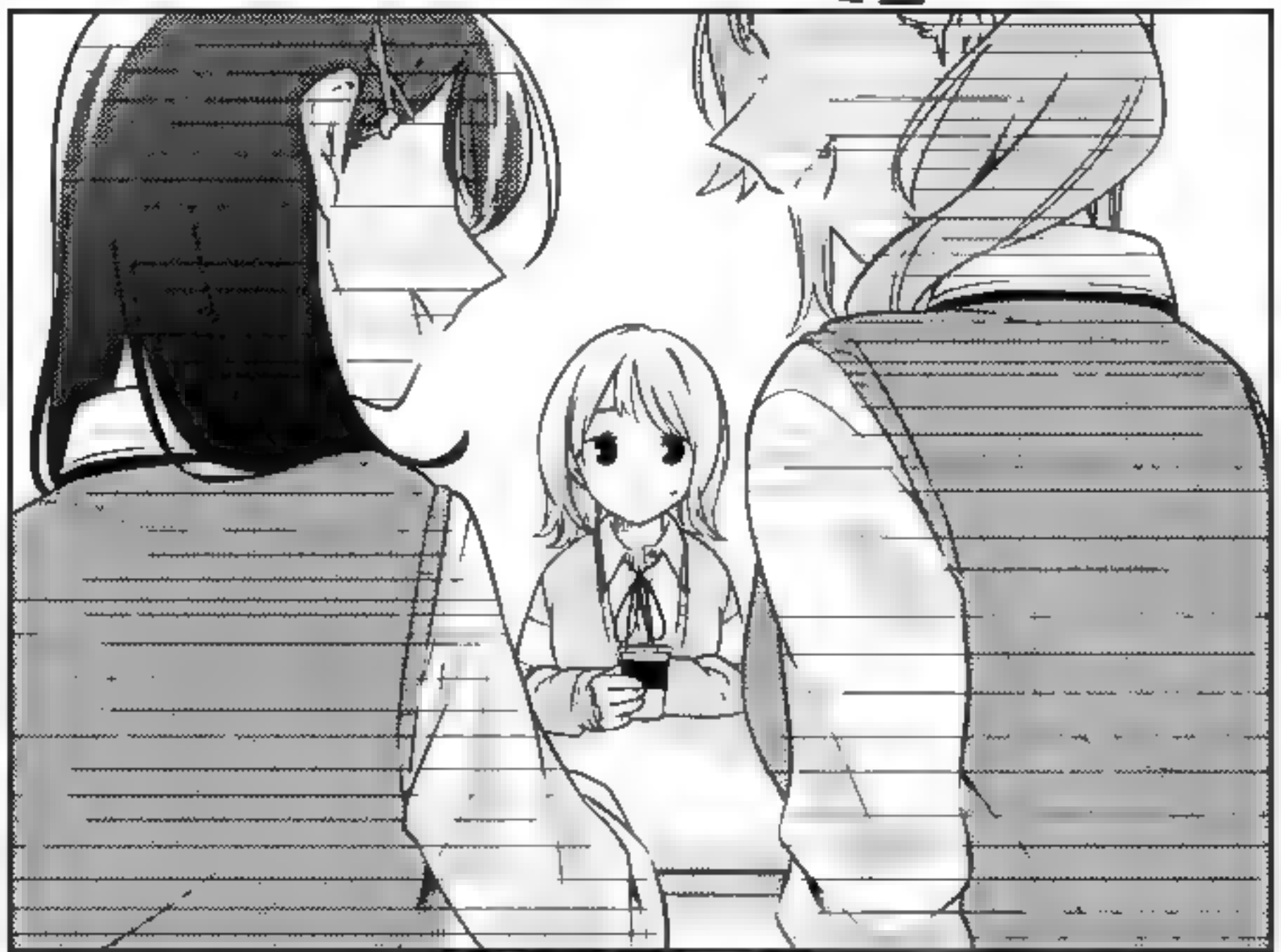
ME?

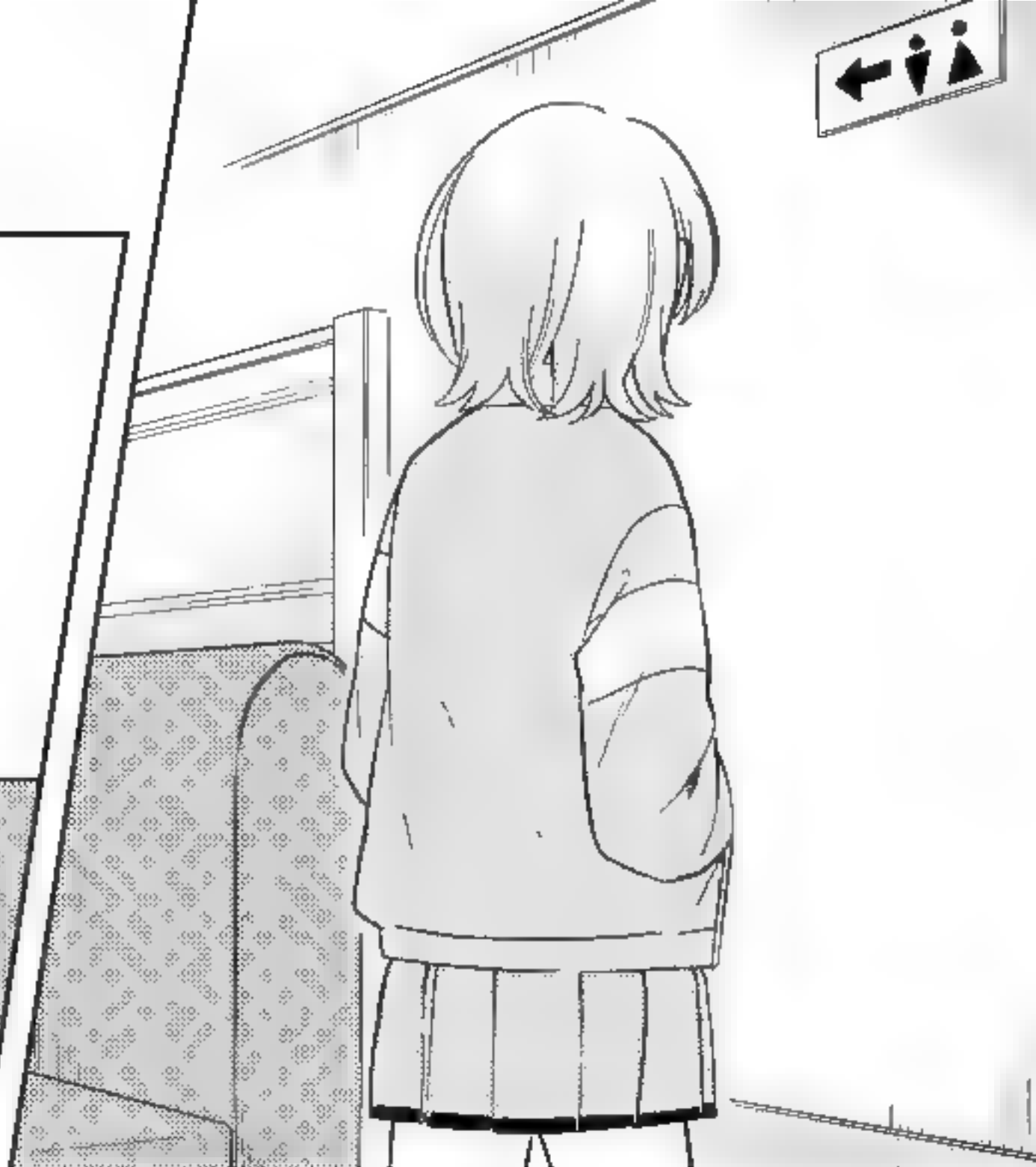
MORINAGA-
SAN!
IF YOU
WILL!

100m
3rd
place!

















GRIN

YEAH,
IT'S FINE!
I ALREADY
LET THEM
KNOW!



ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?
YOU SAID
YOU HAVE A
CURFEW.

WE
TALKED
SO MUCH,
THE TIME
FLEW
RIGHT
BY.



AH,
OKAY.

SOMEWHERE
ALONG
THE WAY,

SAKURAI-SAN
STARTED
WALKING HOME
WITH ME
WITHOUT ME
ASKING.

THANK
GOD
IT LOOKS
LIKE SHE
REALLY
DIDN'T HEAR
ABOUT THE
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
THING



SHE COULD
TAKE A
SHORTER
ROUTE,

BUT SHE
COMES ALL
THE WAY TO
MY HOUSE.



I WONDERED
IF I WOULD
BE ABLE TO
SPEND JUST A
LITTLE TIME
WITH HER.

I WONDERED
IF SAKURAI-SAN
WOULD BE
TOO KIND TO
SAY NO TO ME.

WHEN I
HEARD HER
TALKING
WITH OUR
TEACHER,







A close-up of two girls. The girl on the left has long, light-colored hair and is looking down with a sad expression. The girl on the right has dark hair and is hugging the first girl. A sound effect 'SWISH' is written near the girl with dark hair.

I WANT
TO STAY
WITH HER
A LITTLE
LONGER.

WHAT'S...
THE
MATTER?

NOTHING.

I'M
SCARED
THAT IF
SHE FOUND
OUT HOW
I FELT,

OUR
AMBIGUOUS
RELATIONSHIP
AS IT IS
WOULD BE
OVER.

JUST A
"REQUEST".

To be continued.

SQUEEEEEEZE

H-
HONDA-
SAN...
COULD
YOU...

LET
GO OF
ME SOME-
TIME
HERE?

